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In re Application of:

CHOU et al.

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Application No. Unassigned

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For: AMMONIUM OXALATE-CONTAINING
POLISHING SYSTEM AND METHOD



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and or Substitute Form PTO-1449 ("Form 1449") are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

The submission of the references listed on the Form 1449 is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references listed thereon are prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any reference submitted herewith as prior art should it be deemed appropriate to do so.

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- ☐ the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) (see "Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)" below),
- or*
- ☐ the fee of \$180 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) (see "Fees" below).
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Copies of the References

- ☒ Copies of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are enclosed herewith. Attached to each reference not in the English language is a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).
- ☐ A copy of the foreign search report is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ The references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s) relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120 in which copies of the references were previously furnished are set out below:

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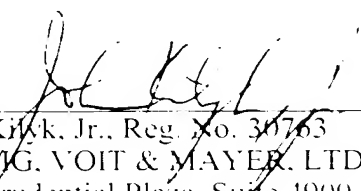
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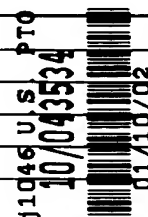
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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Examiner Signature

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* A concise statement of relevance is being submitted in lieu of a translation. 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

* An English-language equivalent patent, or an English-language abstract, or an English-language version of the search report or action by a foreign patent office, or a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is being submitted in lieu of a concise explanation of relevance under 37 CFR 1.99(a)(3).

